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1. SUMMARY: THE APRIL 5 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL CONCENTRATED UPON FISHERY AND CIEC ISSUES (BOTH REPORTED SEPTEL).

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ALSO DISCUSSED: THE PORTUGUESE REQUEST FOR ACCESSION (SEE SEPTEL); THE APRIL 13-14 EC-ACP COUNCIL OF

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MINISTERS MEETING; THE MARCH 29 EC-YUGOSLAVIA JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING; FINANCING OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE STUDIES; REGULARIZATION OF THE 1970 EC/SPANISH TRADE AGREEMENT; THE NEXT STAGE OF THE EC/MALTA ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT; UNCTAD NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT; THE MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT (SEE SEPTEL); AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL,

COMMISSION, AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PRESIDENTS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE SIGNATURE CEREMONY FOR THEIR JOINT DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (EC BRUSSELS 3385). THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MET, AS WELL, WITH GREEK MINISTER FOR COORDINATION AND PROGRAMMING PAPALIGOURAS FOR THE SECOND MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING UNDER THE GREEK ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS (SEE SEPTTEL). RESULTS OF THE APRIL 5 JOINT MEETING OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE COUNCILS ALSO REPORTED SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. EC/ACP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED EC POSITIONS FOR MOST OF THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 13-14 EC/ACP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING (REFTEL A), LEAVING SOME ITEMS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AT AN APRIL 12 ON-THE-SPOT COORDINATION MEETING IN FIJI. THE PROVISIONAL MEETING AGENDA INCLUDES: PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE COMMERCIAL AND CUSTOMS COOPERATION SECTORS; THE LOME STABEX SYSTEM; SUGAR; INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION; AND THE ACP-EC CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY. THE DANES HAVE ALSO ASKED FOR INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE CASE INVOLVING GHANAIAAN EXPROPRIATION OF THE A.T. BRISCOW COMPANY.

3. MARCH 29 EC-YUGOSLAVIA JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MINISTERS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE MARCH 29 EC-YUGOSLAVIA JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (REFTEL B). ACCORDING TO PERMDEL SOURCES, THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE. THE COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE DID, NEVERTHELESS, STRESS "THE IMPORTANCE" ATTACHED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND YUGOSLAVIA.

4. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET LEARNED THE AMOUNTS AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS INVOLVED, THE COUNCIL DECIDED ON THE EC'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO STARTING PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES (SUCH AS PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDIES) IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE (REFTEL C).

5. EC/SPANISH TRADE AGREEMENT. THE COUNCIL APPROVED AS AN A-POINT A NEGOTIATING MANDATE, WORKED OUT LAST WEEK IN COREPER, FOR REGULARIZATION OF THE 1970 EC/SPANISH TRADE AGREEMENT (REFTEL D). ACCORDING TO COUNCIL AND PERMDEL SOURCES, THE MEMBER STATES AGREED ON SEEKING FROM THE SPANISH A TWO-STAGE ADAPTATION: A TECHNICAL ADAPTATION NOW AND AN ECONOMIC ADAPTATION THIS FALL. OUR SOURCES POINT OUT THAT THE COMMUNITY HOPE IS THAT SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD COMMEND ITSELF TO THE SPANISH BY AVOIDING UNTIL AFTER THE JUNE 5 SPANISH ELECTIONS ANY DISCUSSION OF THE DIFFICULT ISSUES INVOLVED IN ADAPTATION OF THE

TRADE AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, THE SPANISH HAVE TO DATE TAKEN THE LINE WITH THE COMMUNITY THAT A TWO-STAGE ADAPTATION IS UNACCEPTABLE.

6. EC/MALTA ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT. THE COUNCIL APPROVED DIRECTIVES FOR THE COMMISSION ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH MALTA CONCERNING EC/MALTA TRADE ARRANGEMENTS AFTER THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT EXPIRES ON JUNE 30 (REFTEL E). NO DETAILS ARE YET AVAILABLE.

7. INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO EC PARTICIPATION IN THE UNCTAD NEGOTIATIONS ON A NEW INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT (ISA) AND APPROVED A NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR THE COMMISSION (REFTEL F). SPEAKING TO REPORTERS, UK MINISTER OF STATE FRANK JUDD STRESSED THAT BECAUSE THE ISA IS THE FIRST MAJOR COMMODITY AGREEMENT TO COME UP FOR RENEWAL IN THE CIEC TIME-FRAME, THE EC WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAVE TO TAKE ITS COMMITMENT AT THE CONFERENCE VERY SERIOUSLY.

8. WORK OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. UK FOREIGN SECRETARY DAVID OWEN (THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT) TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE MINISTERS HAD FULLY ENDORSED THE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED IN PREPARATION FOR THE MARCH 25-26 ROME EUROPEAN COUNCIL AS THE BASIS FOR ORGANIZING THE WORK OF FUTURE SUMMITS (REFTEL G). HINTON

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